

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **WFNR(AM), Blacksburg, VA**
Facility ID No. 67588
Silent since January 31, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Spainhour:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 27, 2019, on behalf of WFNR AM, LLC (WFNR), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WFNR to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that WFNR stated that Station WFNR(AM) went silent on January 31, 2019, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 3, 2019, and expired on September 30, 2019. WFNR requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

WFNR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WFNR(AM) to remain silent until January 31, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WFNR(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., February 1, 2020.¹**

WFNR is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If WFNR does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.²

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. It is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.³

Sincerely,



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¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² *Id.* In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).